

PERMIT AUTHORIZING  
COMISION FEDERAL DE ELECTRICIDAD  
TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND  
CONNECT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION  
FACILITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL  
BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED  
STATES AND MEXICO

(Federal Power Commission-Docket No. E-7651)

Comision Federal De Electricidad (herein referred to as Permittee), an agency of the Republic of Mexico with its principal place of business at Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico, in an application filed in Docket No. E-7651 on July 19, 1971, requested permission, pursuant to Executive Order No. 10485, dated September 3, 1953, to construct, operate, maintain and connect at the international border between the United States and Mexico the facilities described in Article 2 below for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and Mexico.

The Secretary of State by letter dated September 1, 1971 and the Secretary of Defense by letter dated September 9, 1971 favorably recommended that a Permit be granted herein as hereinafter provided.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds that the issuance of a Permit as hereinafter provided is appropriate and consistent with the public interest.

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 10485, dated September 3, 1953, and the Commission's Rules and Regulations thereunder, permission is hereby granted to Permittee to construct, operate, maintain and connect the electric transmission facilities described in Article 2 below at the international border between the United States and Mexico upon the following conditions.

Article 1. The facilities herein described shall be subject to all conditions, provisions and requirements of this Permit. This Permit may be modified or revoked by the President of the United States or by the Federal Power Commission, and may be amended by the Federal Power Commission on proper application therefor.

Article 2. The facilities covered by and subject to this Permit shall include:

A single-phase, two-wire circuit, operating at 7,200 volts, 60 cycles, having one No. 4 ACSR conductor and one No. 4 ACSR neutral, extending southwestward to the International Boundary from a single pole structure located at latitude 29° 25' 30" north, longitude 104° 11' 6" west in the vicinity of Redford, Presidio County, Texas.

No substantial change shall hereafter be made in the above-described facilities and operation thereof authorized by this Permit unless and until such change shall have been approved by the Commission.

Article 3. Insofar as the electric facilities authorized herein, or which may be subsequently included herein by modification or amendment, are utilized for the transmission of electric energy from the United States to Mexico, they may be utilized for such transmission only in the amount, at the rate, and in the manner authorized by the Commission under Section 202 (e) of the Federal Power Act.

Article 4. The operation, maintenance and connection of the aforesaid facilities shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Division Engineer, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202, who is in charge of the district affected herein, and a representative of the Commission, both of whom shall be authorized representatives of the United States for such purposes. Permittee shall allow officers or employees of the United States showing proper credentials free and unrestricted access into, through and across any lands occupied by said facilities in the performance of their official duties.



Article 5. In the operation, maintenance and connection of the facilities herein specified, Permittee shall place and maintain suitable structures to reduce to a reasonable degree the possibility of contact or inductive interference between its transmission facilities and any other facilities not owned by Permittee.

Article 6. Permittee shall comply promptly with any regulations or instructions affecting the facilities, or any part thereof, owned by it and covered by this Permit which may be issued by the President of the United States or any Government department or agency of the United States for the aid and protection of aerial navigation.

Article 7. Permittee shall be liable for all damages occasioned to the property of others by the operation, maintenance, and connection of the facilities owned by it and covered by this Permit, and in no event shall the United States be liable therefor. Permittee shall do everything reasonably within its power to prevent or suppress fires on or near any land occupied under this Permit.

Article 8. Neither this Permit nor the facilities, or any part thereof, covered by this Permit, shall be transferable or assignable, but in the event of the involuntary transfer of the facilities by operation of law (including such transfers to receivers, trustees, or purchasers under foreclosure or judicial sale) the Permit shall continue in effect temporarily for a reasonable time thereafter pending the making of an application for a new Permit and decision thereon, provided notice is promptly given in writing to the Commission accompanied by a statement that the facilities authorized by this Permit remain substantially the same as before the transfer. Permittee shall maintain the facilities, or any part thereof, owned, operated, maintained and connected by it as described above in a condition of repair for the efficient operation of said facilities in the transmission of electric energy, and shall make all necessary renewals and replacements.

Article 9 . Upon the termination, revocation or surrender of this Permit, the facilities herein authorized, which are owned, operated, maintained and connected by Permittee, shall be removed within such time as the Commission may specify and at the expense of Permittee. Upon failure of Permittee to remove such facilities or any portion thereof, the Commission may direct that possession of the same may be taken and the facilities removed at the expense of Permittee, and Permittee shall have no claim for damages by reason of such possession or removal.

Article 10. When in the opinion of the President of the United States, evidenced by a written order addressed to the holder of this Permit, the safety of the United States demands it, the United States shall have the right to enter upon and take possession of the facilities, or any part thereof, owned, operated, maintained, and connected by Permittee under this Permit, and all contracts covering the transmission of electric energy by means of said facilities, or any part thereof, and shall retain possession, management and control thereof for such length of time as may appear to the President to be necessary to accomplish said purpose and then restore possession and control to Permittee; and in the event that the United States shall exercise such right, it shall pay to Permittee just and fair compensation for the use of said facilities as may be fixed by the Commission upon the basis of a reasonable profit in time of peace, and the cost of restoring said facilities to as good condition as existed at the taking over thereof, less the reasonable value of any improvements that may be made thereto by the United States and which are valuable and serviceable to Permittee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I,  
have hereunto signed my name this                      day of  
1971, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

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Chairman of the  
Federal Power Commission



MEMORANDUM TO: The Commission

DATE: October 7, 1971

FROM : Office of the General Counsel

SUBJECT : Export and Rate Order and Permit to construct and operate electric transmission facilities at United States-Mexican Border, West Texas Utilities Company and Comision Federal De Electricidad, Docket No. E-7651.

URGENCY : N/A.

There is transmitted herewith for approval and issuance by the Commission a draft of proposed order (Docket No. E-7651) which (1) authorizes West Texas Utilities Company and Comision Federal De Electricidad, pursuant to Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act, to transmit up to 600,000 kwh of electric energy per year from the United States to Mexico at a maximum transmission rate of 100 kw, and (2) accepts for filing as West Texas' Export Rate Schedule FPC No. 20, pursuant to Part 35 of the Commission's Regulations under the Federal Power Act, the agreement between West Texas and Comision Electricidad containing the terms and conditions and the rates for West Texas' delivery and sale of the exported energy to Comision Electricidad, an agency of the Republic of Mexico. That energy will be utilized by Comision Electricidad to serve the rural area in Mexico located across the Rio Grande from Redford, Presidio County, Texas, which is presently without electric service.

In addition, there is transmitted herewith for Commission approval a draft of proposed permit (Docket No. E-7651) which grants permission to Comision Electricidad, pursuant to Executive Order No. 10485, dated September 3, 1953, to construct and operate a 7,200 volt electric transmission line at the United States-Mexican Border in the vicinity of Redford for accomplishing the exportation of electric energy which Comision Electricidad will furnish to the rural area in Mexico as mentioned above.

The proposed export and rate order and proposed permit have been prepared in accordance with the Bureau of Power's recommendations to the Commission in Docket No. E-7651 and have been reviewed by the Bureau of Power. The Secretaries of State and Defense have favorably recommended that permission be granted to Comision Electricidad to construct and operate the 7,200 volt line in the form of the proposed permit submitted herewith.

If the proposed export and rate order and proposed permit are approved by the Commission, the permit (after being signed by the Chairman) will be "issued" to Comision Electricidad concurrently with the issuance of the order pursuant to Paragraph (L) thereof.

James R. Tourtellotte  
Commission Staff Counsel

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## WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICE: P. O. BOX 841  
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November 17, 1971

RE: Docket E-7651

Mr. Kenneth Plumb, Secretary  
Federal Power Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20426

Dear Mr. Plumb:

The Federal Power Commission's order dated October 15, 1971, Docket E-7651 authorized the construction of facilities to export electric energy between the United States and Mexico under the terms of a contract dated March 1, 1971 between the West Texas Utilities Company and the Comision Federal De Electricidad.

This is to advise that these facilities were energized and placed in service on November 1, 1971.

Pursuant to the order dated October 15, 1971, the effective date of this contract is therefore November 1, 1971.

Yours very truly,

G. H. King  
Executive Assistant

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cc: Ing. Guillermo Garcia Siller  
Comision Federal De Electricidad